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DEA FOR EOIL/CUSACK AND STRICKLER DA-2

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: USG/GOA COOPERATIVE EFFORT

REF: A. BA 1203, B. BA 1755, C. STATE 45690, D. BA 1876

1. AS REPORTED IN THE MONTHLY DEVELOPMENT REPORT MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE LOPEZ REGA, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF CONATON AND CO-PRESIDENT OF THE USG/GOA BINATIONAL COMMISSION ON NARCOTICS, HAS TOLD DEA AGENTS THAT HE IS PREPARED TO MEET WITH USG OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS NARCOTICS MATTERS "AT ANY TIME". THIS IS THE FIRST MAJOR SHOW OF INTEREST IN THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM BY THE GOA SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN NEW YORK IN NOVEMBER AND WE, OF COURSE, PLAN TO CAPITALIZE ON IT AS SOON AS IS FEASIBLE.

2. IN ORDER TO MAKE THE MEETING AS FRUITFUL AS POSSIBLE, WE BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY WE BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AND PROBLEMS, SEVERAL OF WHICH AWAIT WASHINGTON DECISION AND/OR INPUT. SPECIFICALLY, WE WILL NEED TO KNOW THE
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STATUS OF OUR PROPOSED COMMODITY INPUT PACKAGE TO THE GOA (REF A)

AND WHAT, IF ANYTHING, THE DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED FROM THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY CONCERNING ITS INQUIRIES ABOUT THE PROBLEMS WITH THE EXTRADITION TREATY (REFS B AND C). FURTHER, ALTHOUGH NOT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR THE MEETING WITH LOPEZ REGA, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE EMBASSY HAD A DECISION ON ITS PROPOSAL FOR USG SUPPORT FOR A GOA INTELLIGENCE UNIT TARGETTED AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS (REF D). ACTION REQUESTED: IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT ADVISE US OF THE STATUS OF THESE PENDING MATTERS IN ORDER THAT WE MAY ARRANGE A MEETING WITH LOPEZ REGA ASAP.
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